

HB 2684 -- COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE ARRANGEMENTS

SPONSOR: Swan

This bill revises the law regarding collaborative practice arrangements between physicians and advance practice registered nurses to allow the collaborators more freedom to establish their working arrangement. Under this bill the collaborating physician and advanced practice registered nurse are still required to create a written collaboration agreement. The agreement is required to address referral guidelines for newly diagnosed conditions, treatment and referral guidelines for established conditions, the geographic proximity of the collaborators, coverage during the physician's absence, the advanced practice registered nurse's controlled substance prescriptive authority, the duration of the agreement, specific methods for telehealth communications and the time and manner of the physician's review of the advance practice registered nurse's delivery of health care services. There is no longer a specific geographical proximity or chart review requirement, rather it is left to the collaborators to decide. The bill gives the State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts the authority to conduct random reviews of collaborative practice arrangements.